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Hallo Swizgerland Calling

Ladies and Gentlemen

Twenty five years have passed since the out break of the last world war and now a new one has begun. ~~And~~ Two of Swizgerland's big neighbours are again engaged in destruction, France and Germany.

Swizgerland the little peaceful nation  
in the heart of the continent has proclaimed  
its absolute decision of neutrality. It did so  
true to its mission which is to guard  
the mountain passes connecting Germany  
~~with~~ <sup>to</sup> the mediterrenian countries, western  
Europe to the danubian basin. Swizgerland

has communicated to the interested persons  
a diplomatic note, & reading as follows:

- " the international union which has obliged the
- " Swiss confederation to adopt military measures
- " incites it to manifest once again its unbreakable
- " will not to abandon in any <sup>way</sup> ~~thing~~ the principles
- " of neutrality which inspired its politics for
- " several hundred years and to which the Swiss
- " people are deeply attached because they
- " correspond to their aspirations, to their
- " interior organisations, to their situation
- " toward foreign nations.

" Strengthened ~~by~~ ~~with~~ the special  
" mandate which the federal Assembly

Formally

- " has just given it, the federal council
- " declares that the Swiss Confederation will
  - " ~~maintain~~ keep and defend by all means
  - " in its power the ~~inviolability~~ integrity
  - " of its territory and the neutrality with the
  - " treaties of 1815 as well as the engagements
  - " completing them declare to be the
  - " true interests of the entire European
  - " politics.

- " the Confederation will put its honour
- " in making easier, as done during the
  - " last war, the impartial activity of
  - " humanitarian works likely to lessen
  - " the suffering grown out of a conflict.

"Relying on the assurances will have  
"been solemnly and repeatedly given the  
"Federal Council has the conviction that  
"the present declaration will be  
"considered as the loyal affirmation  
"of the consequences resulting for  
"the Swiss Confederation out of the  
"treaties and international engagements  
"concerning it."

One notices that the note ~~mentions~~  
speaks of repeated engagements. Indeed,  
more than once, during these last years,  
the powers surrounding Switzerland  
have assumed that they would respect

Swiss neutrality <sup>a few days ago</sup> ~~Recently~~ Italy and Germany through their diplomatic representatives in Rome and France through her ministers of foreign affairs have renewed the promises made to Switzerland.

But it is not enough to proclaim the will to defend the neutrality and integrity of Swiss territory. We also need the means to do so. Therefore, as soon as the Swiss government recognized the imminence of an European conflict, it has adopted the measures commanded by the present circumstances. Successively the troops covering the frontier and then the entire army had been mobilised.

The general mobilisation began  
 Saturday September 2nd and was completed,  
 Sunday September 3rd at noon. On  
 Monday morning the general staff was  
 able to publish the following announcement:

- " The mobilisation of our army has
- taken place calmly and with perfect
- precision. When Great Britain declared
- war on Germany on Sunday September
- 3rd our entire army was in position
- in its sectors of operation. Rifle by
- foot <sup>and with a resolute spirit</sup> our troops are keeping guard
- of ~~the~~ country. Our people witness
- will justify this performance

'of the army & under strict protection.  
'They live.'

To understand the entire importance of this factor it is necessary to remember that, in 1914, Pershuland had only completed the construction of the Sandhurny ~~marshes~~ ~~to protect~~ when the first shots were fired in Europe.

It is certain that ~~Pershuland~~ with this a largely instrument the value of which has been recognised by foreign powers who observed it and its functions in place home; Pershuland in every occasion can and will protect its neutrality.